



THREATENED SPECIES AND/OR COMMUNITIES RECOVERY TEAM

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Recovery Team	Muir's Corella
Reporting Period	Calendar year 2012

Current membership

Please include email addresses as we would like updated contact details for recovery team members
Also please include vacant positions and regular guests

Member	Representing
1. Chair	Brad Barton DEC Warren Region
2. Exec Officer	Amy Mutton DEC Species and Communities Branch
3.	Ian Wilson DEC Donnelly District
4	Kim Williams DEC South West Region
5.	Peter Wnuk DEC Wheatbelt Region
6	Rick Dawson DEC Nature Protection Branch
7	Ron Johnstone Western Australian Museum
8	Gary Martin Dept. Agriculture and Food
9	Cheryl Gole Birdlife Australia
10	Christine Cooper Curtin University

Dates meetings were held

4 May 2012 and 9 November 2012

One to two paragraph summary of achievements suitable for *WATSNU*

Muir's Corella, one of four corella species in the southern part of Western Australia has recovered from a population as low as 100 birds in the 1940's to over 16,000 in 2011. Such has been its recovery that the species was removed from 'Schedule 1 – fauna that is rare or is likely to become extinct' (threatened fauna) on the *Wildlife Conservation (Specially Protected Fauna) Notice 2012(2)* published 6 November 2012. The species was added to 'Schedule 4 – Other specially protected fauna' and as such remains protected by the *Wildlife Conservation Act 1950*. The species is protected under the Commonwealth Government *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC act) where it is listed as vulnerable.

Muir's Corella have been frequent in high numbers in the Tone Bridge area, Rocky Gully, Frankland River and Lake Muir in the Warren Region of the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC). The birds form flocks numbering in their thousands during the summer months where they descend on grain crops and into towns seeking food resources. They cause significant damage to standing cereal

crops, compete with stock for grain that is fed during the summer and are also mischievous and destructive in town environments where they chew coaxial cables, artificial turf cricket pitches and bowling green's, and cause considerable damage to gardens and lawns.

List of actions undertaken by Recovery Team member/s in 2012

Task 1.	
Task 2.	
Task 3.	
Task 4.	

Other issues

The Muirs Corella Recovery Team has been disbanded as the species has recovered and has been delisted, no longer considered threatened in WA. The species recovery plan no longer needs to be implemented and will be replaced by a species management plan. DEC will maintain a management group which will oversee the implementation of the species management plan once it is finalised.

Media release attached re announcement.



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Management Group

Task 1. Brad Barton, Manda Page, Amy Mutton	Prepare a fauna management plan for Muirs Corella to advise on ongoing management issues relating to this birds impact on agricultural enterprises, community values and to protect the bird from returning to the threatened fauna list.
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